

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-723-C - ORDER NO. 95-1520
SEPTEMBER 14, 1995

IN RE: Application of Switched Services)	ORDER
Communications, L.L.C. for a Certificate)	APPROVING
of Public Convenience and Necessity to)	CERTIFICATE
Operate as a Reseller of Telecommunica-)	
tions Services within the State of)	
South Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of the Application of Switched Services Communications, L.L.C. (hereinafter referred to as SSC or the Company) requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to operate as a reseller of telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina.

The Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas to inform interested parties of the Company's Application and of the manner and time in which to file appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceedings. The Company complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received by the Commission.

A public hearing was commenced on August 30, 1995 at 10:30 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room. The Honorable Rudolph Mitchell, Chairman, presided. Faye A. Flowers, Esquire, appeared on the Company's behalf. Florence P. Belser, Staff Counsel, represented the Commission Staff.

In support of its Application, the Company presented the testimony of Robin Ann Stephens, the Company's Project Manager. Ms. Stephens explained the Company's request for authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina as a reseller. She further explained the Company's services and operations. According to the testimony, SSC will offer 800 service, dedicated and switched access services, as well as travel cards. Mr. Stephens testified that SSC will provide service only to two other resellers, IXC Long Distance, Inc. and Excel Telecommunications, Inc., and that SSC will market its services only to those two companies.

According to Ms. Stephens, the Company possesses the technical, financial and managerial abilities to provide its services in South Carolina. Ms. Stephens also testified that the Company would make certain changes to its proposed tariff to comply with the rules and regulations of this Commission.

After full consideration of the applicable law, the Company's Application, and the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission hereby issues its findings of facts and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and is licensed to do business as a foreign corporation in the State of South Carolina by the Secretary of State of South Carolina.

2. The Company operates as a reseller of interexchange services and wishes to do so in South Carolina.

3. The Company has the experience, capability and financial resources to provide the services described in its Application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Based on the above findings of fact, the Commission determines that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted to the Company to provide intrastate interLATA service and to originate and terminate toll traffic within the same LATA through the resale of any service authorized for resale by tariffs of carriers approved by the Commission.

2. The Commission adopts a rate design for the Company for its resale services which includes only maximum rate levels for each tariff charge. A rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels has been previously adopted by the Commission. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications Corporation, etc., Order No. 84-622, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (August 2, 1984).

3. The Company shall not adjust its rates below the approved maximum level without notice to the Commission and to the public. The Company shall file its proposed rate changes, publish

its notice of such changes, and file affidavits of publication with the Commission two weeks prior to the effective date of the changes. However, the public notice requirement is waived, and therefore not required, for reductions below the maximum cap in instances which do not affect the general body of subscribers or do not constitute a general rate reduction. In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications, Inc., etc., Order No. 93-638, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (July 16, 1993). Any proposed increase in the tariff which would be applicable to the general body of the Company's subscribers shall constitute a general ratemaking proceeding and will be treated in accordance with notice and hearing provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-540 (Supp. 1994).

4. The Company shall file its revised tariff and an accompanying price list within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. The revised tariff shall be consistent with the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Further, the tariff shall be filed in a loose-leaf binder.

5. The Company is subject to access charges pursuant to Commission Order No. 86-584, in which the Commission determined that for access purposes resellers should be treated similarly to facilities-based interexchange carriers.

6. With regard to Company's resale of service, an end-user should be able to access another interexchange carrier if they so desire.

7. The Company shall resell the services of only those interexchange carriers or LECs authorized to do business in South

Carolina by this Commission. If the Company changes underlying carriers, it shall notify the Commission in writing.

8. With regard to the completion of any interLATA calls, the Company shall comply with the terms of Order No. 93-462, Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement, in Docket Nos. 92-182-C, 92-183-C, and 92-200-C, (June 3, 1993).

9. The Company shall file surveillance reports on a calendar or fiscal year basis with the Commission as required by Order No. 88-178 in Docket No. 87-483-C. The proper form is indicated on Attachment A.

10. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)

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ATTACHMENT A

ANNUAL INFORMATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS
FOR INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES AND AOS'S

COMPANY NAME

FBI NO.

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(1) SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING REVENUES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING _____.

(2) SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING
DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING _____.

(3) RATE BASE INVESTMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS* FOR 12
MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING _____.

* THIS WOULD INCLUDE GROSS PLANT, ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION,
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, CASH WORKING CAPITAL, CONSTRUCTION
WORK IN PROGRESS, ACCUMULATED DEFERRED INCOME TAX,
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION AND CUSTOMER DEPOSITS.

(4) PARENT'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE* AT DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR
ENDING _____.

* THIS WOULD INCLUDE ALL LONG TERM DEBT (NOT THE CURRENT PORTION
PAYABLE), PREFERRED STOCK AND COMMON EQUITY.

(5) PARENT'S EMBEDDED COST PERCENTAGE (%) FOR LONG TERM DEBT AND
EMBEDDED COST PERCENTAGE (%) FOR PREFERRED STOCK AT YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31 OR FISCAL YEAR ENDING _____.

(6) ALL DETAILS ON THE ALLOCATION METHOD USED TO DETERMINE THE
AMOUNT OF EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO SOUTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS AS
WELL AS METHOD OF ALLOCATION OF COMPANY'S RATE BASE INVESTMENT
(SEE #3 ABOVE).

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